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My dear Mr Garrison,

You have my best thanks for your kind letter. Only those who have experienced the whirl & fatigue of a short crowded visit to London can fully appreciate your goodness in writing such an ample & clear account of your plans, & all the other precious items of your letter, in the midst of the bustle. It has been a

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greater disappointment to me
than anything else purely
personal could prove to be
prevented from joining in
the Welcome to you on Saturday.
The same inexorable physical
law will render it impossible
for me to join you in Monmouth
or Edinburgh. In the course
of the present month I hope
my troublesome hooping-cough
will cease to tie me to home,
and I shall eagerly watch your
movements in the hope of

either just
meeting you, before you return
to Paris or after your Swiss
tour. Your programme is a
very extensive one, pray do not
adhere to it at the sacrifice
of needful rest & health.
Do not fail to go through the
Peak district of Derbyshire
instead of the old route to
Manchester, if you are free
to make your own arrangements.
It gives a deep & romantic
scenery without extending the
journey. Perhaps this suggestion
is a work of supererogation or
officiousness; but I want your

daughter to have a favorable
impression of our little island
& as this Derby & Buxton route
was only opened a few months
ago, you might take the dull
line thro' Crewe, in consequence
of a choice.

There is something inexpressibly
delightful in your present recep-
tion, the tinge of sadness comes from
reflection on the contrast of past
years, & what would have been
now, had your cured cousin
struggling instead of triumphant.
But - we will give thanks that
the door has been made wide
enough for all to enter.

Ever yours with grateful affectionate
Mary A. Cotton